April 26, 1963

Mr. Gilbert E. Poertner
Route One
Pacific, Missouri

Dear Mr. Poertner:

You wrote me on April 14, 1963 about your 1943 copper cent. I tried to telephone you but you had given me the wrong telephone number.

If you want to bring me the coin for examination or send it to me you are free to do so.

Alterations of other dates are very dangerous and not just copper plating.

Let me hear from you if you want me to help.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Route One
Pacific, Missouri
April 14, 1963

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I think I have a 1943 copper penny. I showed it to Mr. Art Kelley, and he believes it is a real 1943 copper penny, and not a 1943 steel penny copper-coated. We tried a magnet on it.

If you are interested in checking it, please contact me. My home phone number is CRestview 6-3607. 3-6307

Mr. Kelley said I should get in touch with you.

Yours very truly,

Gilbert E. Poertner

Gilbert E. Poertner

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Hubbard Woods, IL 60093
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12/2/88

H. Eric

How are you. I've recently picked up a few early interesting Stereo-views of St. Louis. If you are still collecting, let me know and I can send you Xeroxs of them if you wish.

Have you got any more early photos for sale or for trade!?

Sincerely

George Polakoff

Replied 12/14/88

Mo Confed
Mo Union 1861-1864

DAVID J. POLC
EXEC. VICE PRESIDENT

Cross sheet of Auditor's Warrants

MERAMEC STATE BANK

ONE MERAMEC PLAZA
SULLIVAN, MISSOURI 63080
TELEPHONE 314-468-3121

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 1, 1983

Mr. David J. Polc
Executive Vice President
Meramec State Bank
One Meramec Plaza
Sullivan, MO 63080

Dear Mr. Polc:

When I met you last weekend you indicated you had a sheet of Missouri Auditor's Warrants and I would very much like to receive a photocopy of it in connection with some research I am doing. Would you be nice enough to send it to us.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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September 12, 1973

Answered
9/20/73
forgery

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is a photostat copy of a promissory note which I recently found. The copy itself isn't very clear but the note is in beautiful condition. I wrote to severl musuems and The American Antiquarian Society wrote and gave me your name for some specific information on the Historical value of the note

I would certainly appreciate any help you could give me on the value of it and also whom I might contact who would be interested in purchasing it.

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain:

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Joan Poljacik
Mrs. Joan Poljacik
[redacted]
Vermont 05001

The note is from THE BANK OF THE UNITED STATES and is dated December 15, 1840. There are three pictures on either side of the note which you cannot make out very well in the copy but which are very plain on the note.

Not answered

9/27/1973

1 Mogul Ln.
White River Jct.
Vermont 05001

Dear Mr. Newman.

I am sorry to bother you again, but there is one thing I do not understand and that is this. How can you and the Federal Reserve Bank both be so sure this document is a forgery and a worthless piece of paper without seeing the document with your own eyes. I can't understand how

you can be so
sure by just seeing
the photo copy of it.
I feel as well as alot
of other people that
their is just to much
detail to this note to
be a forgery. Just because
there are a few forgery
around there must have
been an arginal that
the forgeries were copied
from. You probably won't
bother answering this but
thought I'd try anyway.

Sincerely,
Joan Poljacek
(QUCD)

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

December 11, 1985

Mr. Felix Pomeranz
[redacted]

Dear Phil:

It was delightful to talk to you and your wife on the flight to Florida. I am enclosing a photocopy of a May 10, 1862 ad in Harper's Weekly and the August 9, 1862 ad in Harper's Weekly. Both of these refer to Confederate stamps. There are other ads, but this will give you the information I promised to send.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

Andrew W. Pollock III
Bowers & Merena Galleries Inc.
P.O. Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

January 6, 1995

Dear Andrew:

The uniface sheet of December 16, 1814 New York City notes about which you inquired is one of many illustrations in D.T. Valentine's Manual of the Corporation of the City of New York for 1863. It customarily follows page 170. It is an entirely redrawn and reset copy of the original bills.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN/ts

Jane R. Pomeroy [redacted] March 14, 1994

Dear Ms. Pomeroy:

I am glad to try to answer your March 6, 1994 letter as to New York City small change bills of 1814-16. Please send me a photocopy of the Barrett replicas and the text referring to them as that is the identical year the illustrations appeared in Valentine's Manual (p.170). They may be the same.

It is fascinating that you have Anderson's proof books available to you. It is entirely possible that he made cuts for scrip issued by banks, merchants, cities, individuals, etc. We have thousands of pieces of American paper money and some might have his work on them. If I only knew what to look for. Can I exclude all copper and steel engraved pieces as not his? Did he make large numerals or decorative denominational panel borders.

As to ownership of New York City small change notes I think we own the error sheet illustrated in my article. We have in our collection issued 1, 4, 6, 25 and 75 cent pieces and an unissued 20 cent note.

My friend [redacted] has pieces in his collection and you should write him of your wish to mention them. Other numismatists have them but I do not know whom. There were a group auctioned about a year ago or so and I don't know who bought them.

It was a pleasure to talk to you and learn so much about the subject.

I am leaving for Costa Rica for a vacation and will do more when I return.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Dec 15, 1983

John Porter

BE CAREFUL ABOUT BUYING EARLY CHINESE PAPER MONEY. THERE ARE SPURIOUS PIECES, FAKES, REPRINTS, COPIES, ETC.

As promised I am lending you the following literature to be returned after reviewing. Please be careful of originals as they are on poor quality paper.

Memo made at Boston Museum of Fine Arts by EPN in 1978 on Chinese Currency (2 pp)

King On Mao, Chinese Currency [Intl Bank Note Soc Journal June 1965, Xmas 1966 (photocopies of portions)]

King On Mao China Birthplace of Paper Money (Coin World Apr-June 1983)

Andrew McF Davis, Ancient Chinese Paper Money etc., Proc of Amer Acad of Arts + Sciences Vol 53, No 7, June 1918 (original pamphlet).

Andrew McF Davis, Certain Old Chinese Notes, Proc of Amer Acad of Arts + Sciences Vol 50, No 11, June 1911, (original pamphlet)

E. Kann, History of Chinese Paper Money, Vol I only (1962 IBNS reprint)

Folke Bergman, Some Chinese Paper Currency, etc (photocopy of 1954 report of Swedish Chinese Expedition)

Wm Dilistin Earliest Amer. Discussion of Chinese Paper Money (Photocopy of Numismatic Review 1942 article)

S. Loy, 2 letters to Ruth Hill (photocopies)

4 positives, 2 photocopies of positives of notes at Boston Museum. Reproduction prohibited by museum.

We hope we have been helpful.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

December 16, 1983

Mr. John Porter
Newhard Cook & Co., Inc.
[redacted]

Dear John:

The idea of an Olympic Games coinage exhibit appeals to us and we would be pleased to have you cooperate with us in presenting such an exhibit in one of the lower exhibit cases in the Mercantile Money Museum. Our display men will assist in the mounting. You may wish to furnish the coins, or we will do so, or there can be some of each in the exhibit.

We will be glad to discuss this with you further and look foward to prompt completion of this concept. I think the public will enjoy this very much.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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INCORPORATED
MEMBERS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.
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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63102

AREA CODE 314
TELEPHONE 342-4000

TELEX NO. 44-2377
CABLE ADDRESS
NEWCO ST. LOUIS

February 16, 1984

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers
400 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, MO 63178

Dear Eric,

I know there is probably far too much copy, but I thought this would provide a starting place for editing.

With the exception of two coins I have all of the physical pieces we need for the display. Please let me know what our next step should be based on your schedule.

Sincerely,

John C. Porter
Vice President
Rare Stamp & Coin Division

JCP:vlr
enclosure

THE OLYMPICS AND NUMISMATICS - The ancient games began in 776 B.C. and extend to 394 A.D. a period of 1200 years. The games occured every four year period marking a time frame known as an "Olympiad."

The games had the character of a religious observance. The athletic contests that were held aimed at excellence in human endeavor as an act of worship. A sacred truce was called during the Olympic Celebrations. The first recorded victor in 776 B.C. was Coroebus of Elis and as his price he received a crown of wild olive which symbolized the ideal of the games - Peace.

Olympia (A sacred valley) is located in a Northwestern province of Greece, called Elis. Every four years coins were struck in Elis to commemorate the Olympic games. The area was held sacred to Olympian Zeus, King of the golds and ruler of the earth, and his image, as well as images such as the eagle, olive wreaths, thunder bolts, and palm branches appear on the coins.

Toward the close of the sixth century B.C. the sacred temple district of Olympia opened a mint to accommodate the coinage needs of its thousands of visitors. Coins were also regularly struck in Ancient Greece depicting Olympic athletic events such as wrestling, a slinger discharging his weapon, horse racing, and chariot racing.

Among the rarest coins of the Ancient Greeks, the decadrachms of Akragas were probably not intended to serve as ordinary currency. Rather, they stand as a classic example of a special commemorative issue celebrating the Olympic Games. One of the only surviving specimens, a silver decadrachm of Akragas, was recently sold for the highest price ever paid for a coin, $1,000,000.

Perhaps the best known ancient Olympic coins were produced by Philip II of Macedon, Father of Alexander The Great. In 1356 B.C. a gold Stater depicting a victorious chariot, and a silver Tetradrachm depicting a victorious jockey on horseback was struck to commemorate Philip's winning these Olympic events.

Greece came under the domination of the Romans in the middle of the second century Before Christ. The Romans had little interest in the games, but permitted them to continue until The Emperor Theodosius forbade the Games altogether in 394 A.D.

The Modern Games

The modern games began in Athens, Greece in 1896 at which time the tradition of awarding the first, second and third place winners gold, silver, and bronze medals began.

A bronze medal commemorating the 1st Modern Olympiad was struck and sold to people who wanted in some way to retain an artifact, a souvenir, a remembrance of the historic event. Coins and medals have been struck by host countries such as Canada, Mexico, Japan, Germany, and Russia on a regular basis since Helsinki, 1952. The United States has issued and made available to collectors in 1984 two commemorative silver dollars and a commemorative $10 gold coin.

TOKENS COMMEMORATING THE GAMES OF THE 23RD OLYMPIAD LOS ANGELES, 1984.

These tokens have a special place in numismatic history. They represent a numismatic event. Tokens like these will be circulated and used in the transportation system of Southern California for the Olympics. Transportation tokens have been in use since the first sale in 1549 at Regensburg Bridge in Bavaria. A token had to be purchased to cross the bridge. During the 16th century European cities were surrounded by walls and at night the gates were closed. To identify citizens who needed to return after dark "gate tokens" were made and sold to persons needing to gain passage through the locked gates.

The earliest transportation tokens used in the United States date from the 1790's from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania where an elaborate system of toll roads was built by the "Pennsylvania Dutch." Other turnpikes in Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia followed suit. These early toll roads were generally called "turnpikes," because of a row of spikes which faced the traveler and were turned when he paid his toll:"Turned spikes." Hence, "turnpike."

Tokens as substitutes for money have been used throughout history. The primary medium of exchange in Colonial America was not coins but tokens made by merchants and tradesmen or issued by the Colonies. "Hard Times Tokens" were used as a substitute for money during the economic disaster of the 1840's and again tokens were the primary medium of exchange through the Civil War Period, most coins having been hidden or buried, people resorted to creating a substitute "coinage" system - tokens.

Your tokens are legitimate numismatic collectors items. They are among the largest transportation tokens ever produced. They represent the first time sports have been depicted on tokens and are the first tokens to commemorate an event. They are also the first tokens to commemorate the Olympics.

Coins, tokens, medals, and medallions are the artifacts that chronicle the events of history. They are the primary means available to individuals of diverse economic levels to own and touch the objects that commemorate the important happenings of our time and times past.

September 25, 1972

Dear Mr. Newman —

Your splendid book graces the Potter family library — the pleasure it will give me through the years is incalculable! Many thanks!!

Incidentally, the library's reference department does have a copy — thank heaven for discriminating librarians!

I've enclosed a copy of your program — in which you acquit yourself so nobly —

Good thoughts, always,

Dory Potter
Radio-TV Consultant
St. Louis Public Library

Mrs. Ernest M. Potter
5557 Lindenwood Ave
St. Louis, Mo. 63109

MRS. PATRICK J. POTTS

[redacted]

September 29 '05

Dear Mr. Newman -

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check and to thank you sincerely for selling my small coin collection.

As I told you, these were coins my father had collected and I wished to make an orderly disposal of them and not let them just endlessly "with no future", so to speak

I appreciate your taking

care of the situation as I really didn't know much about them or how to go about selling them.

Sincerely -

Gretchen Potts

ROBERT R. PRANN
CONTRACTING ENGINEER
P. O. BOX 3403
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

CABLE ADDRESS:
PRANN, SAN JUAN P. R.

March 10, 1950

St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co.
408 Olive Street
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Attention: Miss Josephine Bryant
Secretary to Executors

Dear Sirs:

In the hopes that the estate of Mr. Johnson has now been cleared to such an extent that his collection can be disposed of, we are writing to you for the purpose of requesting that we be given a chance to purchase any material available either of Spain or its Colonies.

In your letter of April 30, 1947 you assured us that you would contact us if any such material was available.

May we not hope that we will be able to acquire some pieces from Mr. Johnson's collection.

Yours very truly,

RRP:ef

ROBERT R. PRANN

March 15, 1950

Mr. Robert R. Prann
Contracting Engineer
P.O. Box 3403
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Prann:

One of the heirs of the Johnson Estate who has some of the coins in which you might be interested, is at present in Okinawa where her husband is stationed. I believe she plans to return sometime this year, and when she does I will call your request to her attention.

We did not know you were still collecting coins, as I believe you sold your Colonials.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

Executor of the Estate of
Burdette G. Johnson, dec'd.

EPNewman/mw

Dear Eric,
I'm writing to "pick your brain" about a "crazy" coin a friend of mine has — I'm enclosing a rough, very rough drawing of it. Is it anything or just a mistruck coin.
Thanks so much for anything you can advise.
Hope all's well with both of you.
Please give me in sending Love to Evelyn much love
Marie

P. S. Also I have two silver dollar coins one is dated 1882 + one dated 1898. Anything?

(1987)

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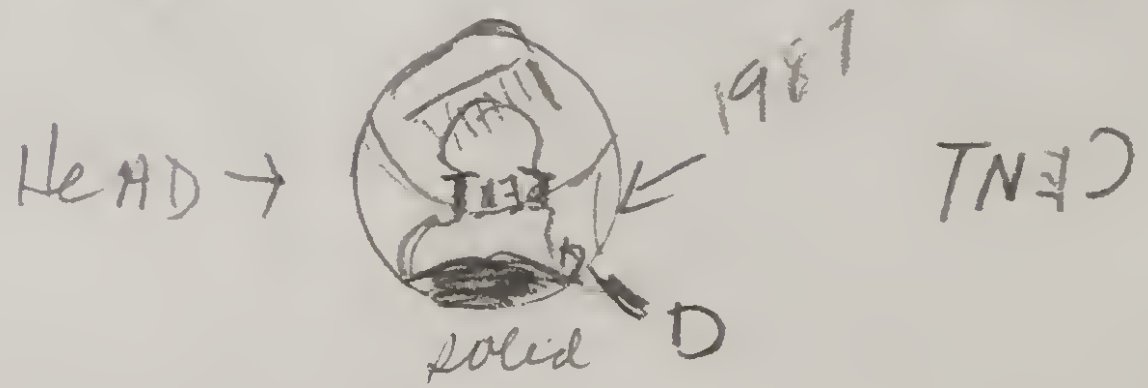

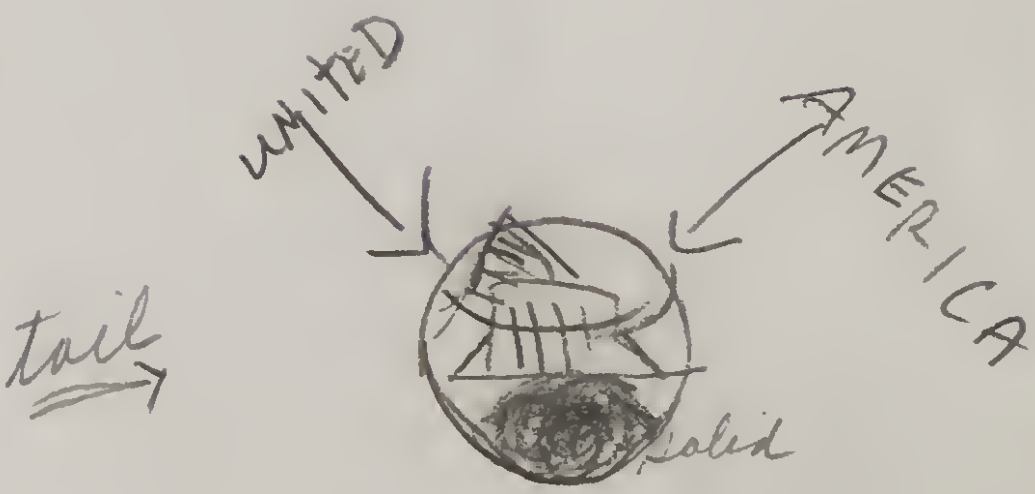

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other side
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stamped twice.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 22, 1996

Mrs. Spencer H. Pratt

[redacted]8

Dear Marie:

You wrote me in March and you thought I ignored you. I have had tons of correspondence in my publishing, in our charitable work and in the problems arising from our company's difficulties. I just returned from a coin convention in Denver and saw loads of misstruck coins which reminded me that I had to answer you.

Misstruck coins, including double struck coins like your friend has, are popular because they are strange and appear in bags from the Mint. They have a modest premium.

Your silver dollars depend in value on their condition and mint mark. There is a standard value of about $6 to $8 in the routine ones.

[redacted]

We are fine and hope you are thriving. This is a crazy world and changed so much from what we grew up in.

Our love to you,

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

George K. Pretsch
[redacted]14606

October 20, 1977

COIN WORLD
Amos Press Building
911 Vandemark Road
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate some help concerning an article on page ten, September 21, 1977 issue,"Currency Club Honors Kosoff"; Newman Speaker.

Newman spoke of the Metal Detector Society of New Jersey finding more than three hundred pieces of counterfeit 1699 William III half pence. As a collector and student of British Tower Mint and contemporary counterfeit half pence (1672-1775), I would like to have more information on this find. Also, I would most certainly like to purchase a specimen.

Would you please help me in this endeavor?

Very truly,

George K. Pretsch

GKP/jla
Enclosure

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 2, 1977

Mr. George K. Pretsch
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Pretsch:

On October 20, 1977, you wrote Coin World with respect to my talk on the Philadelphia highway find. I have completed a detailed write-up of this matter which will be published in the Numismatist in the early part of 1978. It will give extensive information on the 1699 counterfeits and other oddities found with them.

If you would like to buy a 1699 counterfeit I will be glad to submit any offer you care to make to the proper party.

I was very interested in the fact that you are interested in British counterfeits of the 18th century as this is one of my specialties. I have several hundred different varieties of George III as well as the American copies of British halfpence.

Have you read my article published in 1976 on British half pence in the American Numismatic Society publication entitled Studies on Money in Early America?

If you have any George III counterfeits in duplicate I would certainly like to know about it as perhaps we can help each other.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Currency club honors Kosoff; Newman speaker

Veteran dealer Abe Kosoff was honored by the Currency Club of Chester County with an honorary life membership at the society's annual meeting Aug. 27, during the American Numismatic Association convention in Atlanta, Ga.

In accepting the group's honors, Kosoff explained his personal philosophy and hopes "to continue to deserve such recognition."

"I found out a long time ago," the silver haired dean of U.S. ... remarked, "that the only difference between a pat on the back and a kick in the pants is about 18 inches," Kosoff affirmed.

Keynote speaker for the meeting was Eric P. Newman, filling in for former Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing James A. Conlon.

Newman's address related the details of the most significant coin hoard ever found in the United States, right in the CCCC backyard at the confluence of the Dock Creek and Delaware River in Philadelphia.

Keynote speaker Eric Newman addresses the Currency Club of Chester County meeting at the ANA convention while honoree Abe Kosoff and ANA President Grover Criswell look on. Newman filled in for ex-BEP Director James Conlon.

The site of the 17th century Blue Anchor Inn, more than 500 coins were recovered by the Metal Detector Society of New Jersey during highway construction.

More than 300 of these pieces were 1699 William III half pence, "all circulating cast counterfeits with milled edges from circa 1725-1730," according to Newman.

Weighing about 70 percent of the normal unmilled half pence, these pieces and coins of later vintage represent the "greatest American coin find of all time," according to the writer-historian.

Introducing honoree Kosoff was friend and fellow author Chuck O'Donnell, who related that Kosoff has probably been "honored more times than any other man in the hobby. His service to the ANA and collecting would fill volumes," O'Donnell asserted.

Taking over reigns of the CCCC is Harvey Lee, who succeeds Ed Koerng as President. Joyce Ann Aspen is Secretary and Al Burke is Treasurer.

George K. Pretsch
[redacted]

November 8, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I was delighted to receive your letter in response to my Coin World inquiry regarding the counterfeit 1699 British half pence.

This gives me a perfect opportunity to congratulate you on your article published in Studies on Money in Early America. I have been putting together an article entitled The Copper Halfpennies of 18th Century Great Britain for several years now (copy of introduction enclosed) which is to include a chapter on contemporary counterfeits. After After reading your work I decided to shorten the chapter to merely a cursory introduction to the series and refer the reader to your article. The depth of your knowledge on the subject overwhelmed me.

My collection of counterfeits is considerably smaller than yours. Very. The only duplicate I have is a 1770 (picture enclosed). But the other coin is without the obverse die break. However, I am sure you have this one for it appears to be common. I'v sent my article pictures to you for your inspection. I wont need them back for awhile. The Tower Mint 1/2 d. is interesting (1694). The coin was struck twice but all that remains of the first striking is a short part of the spear and an extra arm on Brittania.

I have but one George II counterfeit and none earlier. It's a nice v.f. 30,or so, 1752. The only farthing I have ever spotted and bought in my seven years of collecting and studying these coins is a George II young portrait obverse and legend. The reverse is multiple offset struck with only '75 of the date showing. A most interesting piece.

Presently the strength of my British coppers is in the Tower Mint coinage. This will change, however, as more dealers take my word that a said coin is a counterfeit and price it accordingly. I also collect U.S. large cents (mostly the Sheldon varieties) and New Jersey coppers. The only association of which I am a member is the Early American Copper Club (#116). Occasionally I subscribe to the Colonial Newsletter.

Regarding the purchase of one of the 1699 counterfeits I figured $20. more or less. If the owners feel it is worth more I guess I'll have to

pay it. I'm in the dark on this because I don't know what a fair market value on this piece would be. It is just a question of supply and demand. A genuine type 2 or 3 William III in 12-20 condition currently sells in the $16. to $40. range. However, I'm comparing apples with oranges.

Knowing my somewhat awkward bargaining position, I would appreciate your intermediation. I know your judgement can be trusted and you have my word I will abide by it. If there are more than one variety I probably would go for more. But again, not knowing the demand and the coins preservation, I could sure use your help. All I do know is that this is a piece of English/American history that I wish to own.

Like the loneliness of a long distance runner, the collecting of this series seemed the same. Thanks to you that loneliness is gone.

Very truly,

George K. Pretsch

EMCL:

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 1, 1977

Mr. George K. Pretsch
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Pretsch:

Thank you for your kind comments with respect to my article on half pence I published on Studies in Early America. I look forward to your article after it is completed. I am returning the photographs which you were kind enough to forward to me as you indicated you wished to have them back.

I am also enclosing a 1699 counterfeit Wm. III half pence from the Philadelphia highway hoard. Will you be kind enough to send me a check payable to David Loll for $20 for this coin in accordance with your suggestion. He took a long time to answer me after I submitted your offer. I believe the piece to be of extreme interest and curicsity. My article on the Philadelphia hoard will be published in The Numismatist in March, 1978, I believe. My fellow author will be a professor of chemistry at Washington University.

It is a pleasure to find a fellow numismatist interested in this exciting field.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

Address Replies to:
Bayside, N. Y.

United States Senate

PERIODICAL PRESS GALLERY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

David L. Ganz
Member

BAYSIDE, NEW YORK, February 15, 1977

Eric P. Newman, Esq.,
Post Office Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Eric:

Here begins a multi-faceted letter designed to secure some information, and to make a request of you as well.

As you have probably heard, the decision was made at the White House not to name public members to the 1977 Assay Commission; the rationale apparently was "cost efficiency."

I am currently gathering information, pro and con, on the views of various individuals about the proposed future of the assay commission, and wonder if you would care to share them. Let me note in advance that the probable result of your missive will be extraction and publication--most probably in my "Backgrounder" column just begun in Coin World, possibly elsewhere.

On a secondary note, in chatting with Leslie Elam today, I discovered that in order for an associate to become a fellow of the American Numismatic Society, it is necessary to obtain the support of a member of the council to bring the name up for discussion.

Could I impose on you, at the next meeting of the ANS council, to propose my name?

If you need any additional information for this, I will be happy to forward it directly.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID L. GANZ, Esq.

DLG/bb

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NEW YORK ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 123, BAYSIDE, N.Y. 11361-Tel.: 516-944-8066 or 212-224-0233

Special Correspondent for COINage Magazine and Coin World

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 23, 1977

Mr. David Ganz
P. O. Box 123
Bayside, NY 11361

Dear Dave:

I sincerely feel that the discontinuance of the selection of public members of the Assay Commission in 1977 was sound. The public members perform no useful function. If a useful purpose can be established for the Assay Commission public members, such as an advisory function with respect to the operation of a numismatic bureau or to assist the Mint in numismatic selling programs, then the matter should be reconsidered. I also feel that political recommendations for the selection of members is an unnecessary burden for members of Congress and an unnecessary requirement for those who wish to serve.

I realize that the cost to the government is trivial and the satisfaction of the public members in receiving a presidential appointment is great, yet the business of government should be encouraged to eliminate unjustified activities regardless of tradition.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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DAVID L. GANZ
ATTORNEY AT LAW

TELEPHONE (212) 224-0233
(516) 944-8066

POST OFFICE BOX 123
BAYSIDE, N. Y. 11361

March 10, 1977

Eric P. Newman, Esq.
Post Office Box 14020
St. Louis, MO 63178

Dear Eric:

Further to the recent correspondence about the annual assay commission, I have heard from Sidney that you have reversed your position and come out in favor of retention of the unit.

If this is incorrect, I wish you could advise me, for I am now in the process of doing a "Backgrounder" column on this and, unless I hear from you in the negative, plan to utilize the comments of your earlier letter.

On a secondary matter, also previously mentioned but left unanswered, is it appropriate for me to ask your help to obtain nomination for a fellow of the American Numismatic Society?

Sincerely yours,

DAVID L. GANZ

DLG/bb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 14, 1977

Mr. David L. Ganz
P.O. Box 123
Bayside, NY 11361

Dear Dave:

I have not reversed my position on the annual Assay Commission matter. I would like, however, to modify my letter by rewording the second paragraph of my February 23, 1977 letter as follows:

> "I recognize that the cost to the government of public Assay Commission members is trivial and that honor and satisfaction is great for those who receive a presidential appointment. Nevertheless, the business of government should be encouraged to eliminate meaningless activities regardless of tradition. The official members of the Assay Commission can carry on until a useful purpose for the public members is developed."

I had discussed the matter of your becoming a fellow of ANS and I am very pleased to report that your cooperation with that organization and many other numismatic organizations has been extremely helpful and much appreciated. You have probably created more numismatic enlightenment than anyone has by your age. Can you let this matter of becoming a fellow proceed slowly and deliberately as I am delighted to propose it in due course.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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DAVID L. GANZ
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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POST OFFICE BOX 123
BAYSIDE, N. Y. 11361

March 18, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your note of the 14th, received yesterday. I will incorporate your second version into the article on the assay commission shortly to run in Coin World.

I appreciate your actions on my behalf regarding the ANS fellowship, and will leave the timing to you.

Again with thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

DAVID L. GANZ

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PRESIDENT'S
REORGANIZATION
PROJECT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

September 6, 1977

Mr. Eric Newman
Edison Brothers
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Dear Mr. Newman:

We are conducting an organizational study of the Annual Assay Commission as part of the President's Reorganization Project's review of non-cabinet executive agencies. The study will focus on possible alternative methods of carrying out the functions of the Commission.

Your views on the Annual Assay Commission will greatly aid in an objective analysis of the Commission which will result in recommendations for consideration by the President. We encourage your ideas and suggestions regarding the independent status of the Annual Assay Commission and on organizational alternatives to accomplishing the functions of the Commission. Further, your views on any other aspect of the Commission and Mint Operations would be valuable.

If possible, we would appreciate hearing from you by September 15, 1977. In the event you have questions, or if we can be of assistance in any way, please call us at (202) 395-5180.

Sincerely,

F. T. Davis, Jr.
Director
General Government Division

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 15, 1977

Mr. F. T. Davis, Jr.
President's Reorganization Project
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your September 6, 1977 letter requesting my views on the Annual Assay Commission is acknowledged.

In spite of the desirability of maintaining a long established American tradition which is a trivial expense to the government and an honor and satisfaction to those who receive such presidential appointments, I believe that the selection of more than a minimal number of public members for the Assay Commission each year should be abandoned. In my opinion it consumes a disproportionate amount of time and work for members of Congress to respond to requests and make recommendations for a meaningless activity. We are now testing coins which have no intrinsic value and we do not test the paper money. If the public members were permitted to assist the Mint by performing a useful advisory service to the Mint, then a selection of a reasonable number of public members would constitute a useful function. Until an expanded informal purpose for the Assay Commission is developed public members cannot sincerely believe that they are needed.

I hope I have been helpful and will be glad to cooperate in the development of ideas.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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April 9, 1957

Preston Book Company
P. O. Box 20
Preston, Lancashire
England

Gentlemen:

In your Catalogue No. 158, which just arrived today, my wife is very anxious to acquire the colored panorama of the Thames River from London Bridge to Margate, etc. in original cloth case, for which you are asking £6 6s.

I would have sent the money forthwith except that since our catalogue just arrived I felt that you might already have sold eht item.

In any event, please send it to us and as soon as we receive information from you and the amount of the postage we will remit by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St.Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 21, 1991

Mr. James Neal Primm

[redacted]

Dear James:

It was very thoughtful for you to send me Volume I of the mystery of the Federal Reserve Bank. I enjoyed it and absorbed so much from it. I look forward to Volume II and hope that your work is made easier by quoting from your prior writings.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

Mr. Ed Price April 6, 2001

I have learned that the safe deposit department of the bank I use remains open each Friday until 6 PM, making it possible to readjust the time of the visit you propose.

If you could come on Friday morning we could do inspection at the vault on Friday afternoon. On Saturday we could work on old records and get acquainted further, and Sunday you could return after we finish our fun.

My wife and I discussed the practicality of staying at our home and we feel that I might wear myself out and not get enough rest due to my enthusiasm for projects such as this. Perhaps you will feel better being somewhat more independent by staying nearby.

The weekend of June 8-10 seems most practical. Also June 22-24 is open.

I am sending you Green Estate inventory sheets in advance to make you familiar with what I had to deal with in your specialty area.

It will be a pleasure to see you and enjoy numismatic and other disciplines. What "price" glory.

Let me know your plans.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

To

Mr. Eric P. Newman
645 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

From

THE OWL PEN
ROUTE 2 - BOX 202
GREENWICH, NEW YORK 12834

MESSAGE

SUBJECT - Quote on Harper's Monthlys sent request Joseph R. Lasser DATE 10/27/76

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1880-81 - Dec-May
1881 - June-Nov.

Most of these in quite good condition. $5.00 each, and I'm afraid postage must be extra. Thanks for your interest.

Cordially,

SIGNED Barbara Probst

REPLY

DATE

SIGNED

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 12, 1976

Ms. Barbara Probst
The Owl Pen
Route 2 - Box 202
Greenwich, NY 12834

Dear Ms. Probst:

Thank you for the list of Harper's Monthly. Unfortunately the only dates we are interested in are gone.

You asked me for something on Saratoga and under separate cover I am sending an item which I had to search for for a long time. If you like it, send me a check payable to Al Grippo from whom I obtained it. I will look for more.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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THE OWL PEN
WASHINGTON COUNTY
GREENWICH, NEW YORK 12834
Route 2 - Box 202

November 26, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you so much for your part in obtaining the Saratoga Regatta sheet from Harper's.

My check is enclosed made out, as you suggested, to Al Grippo.

Views of the old hotels are particularly in demand and, of course, bring more money.

I am so sorry there were no titles on my Harper's Monthly list that you could use. If you ever have time to send me a list of those you do want, I shall be glad to keep an eye out for them.

Sincerely,

Barbara Probst

Enc.

PROFESSIONAL
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Stephen Mayer
Chief Operations Officer

April 26, 1990

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric,

I have been instructed to write to you concerning information which you provided for ANACS on a 1792 Birch cent, Judd-4. You would have inspected said coin during the time period of May through July, 1984. The ANACS certificate number was F-6055-F.

I would like to request for our records, your studies and findings regarding this piece. Your information would be most helpful concerning this matter.

I hope all is well with you and look forward to hearing from you shortly. I am enclosing a Federal Express return slip for your convenience.

Thanks again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Montgomery

RSM/ks

P.O. Box 945[redacted]

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2201 N. SALFORD STREET
Philadelphia 31, Pa.

January 31st 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. John Ford was kind to give me your name for some information I would like to have, if possible.

We have just completed a display of Confederate paper currency.

Even though Missouri is not listed as one of the Confederate States in the Britannica, would it be correct to show Missouri confederate currency as one of the Confederate States?

We would like to include a few lines about Missouri in reference to the Confederacy. Can you be kind enough to give us the above information?

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours
Charles Promislo
Charles Promislo
Historical Documents Co.

February 6, 1958

Mr.Charles Promislo
Historical Documents Co.
2201 N. Salford Street
Philadelphia 31, Pa.

Dear Mr. Promislo:

With reference to your inquiry of January 31, 1958, I am glad to give you the information you seek.

Missouri, technically, was not one of the Confederate States of America. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil War the Governor and most of the legislature of Missouri were pro-Confederate but were quickly ousted from the capital at Jefferson City, Missouri, by Union forces. Nevertheless, they were the duly elected representatives of Missouri and reconvened in November, 1861, in Neosho, Missouri, and passed the laws authorizing Missouri Confederate currency.

Missouri residents were divided in theirloyalty to the Union and the Confederacy and over 10% of the battles of the Civil War took place in Missouri. There were no particular geographical areas of Confederate and Union feeling except that the Union forces controlled St. Louis and the Confederate forces controlled southwest Missouri. Much of Northern Missouri was pro-Confederate.

I am sure you realize that Kentucky did not become a member of the Confederate States even though it was pro-Confederate due to the fact that it was in an untenable military position.

Missouri was so divided in its opinions that it did not have time for anything else but fighting. It would be fair to say that parts of Missouri had military and civilian officials working with the Confederate government.

I am sure that if you need any more information you will have no trouble at any library.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb
CC: Mr. John J.Ford

Provost Charleston S.C.
Secession St.

Feb. 13 1967

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil ave
St Louis 5. Missouri

Dear Mr Newman;

I have a copy of your letter to Charles C. Lee of the S.C. Archive Dept, as well as a repo. of S.C. Public Order 1767 which order was issued for the Exchange Bldg in Charleston.

We would like very much to have your permission to reproduce this Order or if possible quote a price for sale. We feel that this is a most important part of this building and Charleston especially in light of the fact that Charlestons tri-centerial is in 1970.

Kindly let us know your feelings on this matter as to sale, or possibility of your having a plate made for us so that we could reproduce this important Order.

Awaiting your early Reply

Yours Truly.

C. Harrington Bissell

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 20, 1967

Mr. C. Harrington Bissell
The Provost
Dungeon under the Exchange Building
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bissell:

Thank you for your nice letter of February 15, 1967.

We will have no objection whatever to the use of the 1767 Public Order relating to the Exchange Building. If, at the time of the celebration, you have reasonable protection, we can plan to lend you the original item. In the meantime perhaps we can try to locate one for you.

As to a reproduction, please give us instructions as to exactly what you want, whenever you are ready to proceed.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

Charles E. Puckett June 1, 1999

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Puckett:

When you were at the Print Market in St. Louis a month or so ago I was glad to talk to you. You shocked me when you said you were familiar with Indian Territory currency of the tribes, but said you were raised in Oklahoma.

You were completely familiar with some of the books I currently am interested in. I have Expedition to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake in Utah (Phila 1856) in beaten up condition and would like a decent copy of it or the 1852 edition.

I have a broken up incomplete copy of Fisher's Progress of the Republic (1856) and would like a decent one of Progress of the United States of America (1852) or the Progress of the Republic.

Do you have a source for things like this? I also need Banker's Magazine for 1849-1850. I have a librarian friend who will check Internet for me but this often ends up in an artificial auction of a book in awful condition.

Can you help me locate some of these?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Norman W. Pullen
at the
Collector's Gallery
U.S. Route 130 & 526, Robbinsville, N.J. 08691 (609) 259-9400

Eric P. Newman

Dear Sir:

Our friend Richard Picker suggested that I mail to you the enclosed Keene note so that you might be able to confirm for me whether or not it is a counterfeit.

In reading your book, some characteristics differ although I believe that the paper is not right. I'm looking forward to your new edition in great expectations — when can we look for it? I enclose 3.00 for registered mail back. Please bill me for any charge. Thank you very much.

Sincerely
Norman W Pullen

P.S. If you can help me with its possible value, I sure would appreciate it. Thanks

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 24, 1975

Mr. Norman W. Pullen
Collector's Gallery
U. S. Route 130 & 526
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Dear Mr. Pullen:

Massachusetts Bay 36 shillings of December 7, 1775, #5171, has been examined. The difficulty is that I have never seen a genuine one. The reasons I believe yours is counterfeit are as follows.

The signature of Thomas Mill is forged when compared with his signature on genuine notes. It's too similar for it to be signed by a substitute. The reason I believe it is a counterfeit is because the masts of the ship are vertical and should be tilted slightly to the right. The plates were changed to September 17, 1776, and you will see the same denomination illustrated in my book. It is from the identical plate your piece is from. I consider both counterfeits. The plate was subsequently changed to November 17, 1776, and there the ship has slanting masts. There would have been no reason to change the masts. There are very many minor differences between the November 17, 1776 issue of the 36 shillings and the December 7, 1775 issue.

There are a number of notes identical to yours.

I wish I could be positive about this matter, but I can only give you my opinion based upon the facts I have on hand. I am returning your piece herewith.

I hope I have been helpful.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 5, 1970

Mr. Norman W. Pullen
Rare Coin & Stamp Exchange
136 S. Broad St.,
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for $90 to cover five Merchant Bank sheets at $16 each, as advertised in Coin World. They are to be signed and uncirculated so please select the nicest ones. Please send in a tube.

In addition, I have sheets of Nebraska $1, $2, $3 and $5 banknotes of Fire & Marine Insurance Company with vignettes of Indian scenes, uncirculated and dated 1857. If you want to exchange five of my sheets for five of your sheets, please send five more of yours and I'll send you five of mine.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

P.S. You overpaid - I took $5 for postage enclosed. NWP

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Thank you — Enclosed is 10 sheets, please send 5 of yours. Thank

NWPullen

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 19, 1970

Mr. Norman W. Pullen
Rare Coin & Stamp Exchange
136 S. Broad St.
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Dear Mr. Pullen:

Thank you, very much, for adjusting the amount of my check.

I am sending you four of the Western Exchange Fire and Marine and returning one of your Merchants Bank sheets which is, unfortunately, defective. I hope this will be of benefit to you.

If at any time you wish to exchange one or two more of the Merchants for Western Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance Company, we can do that.

If you have any other bank notes, please feel free to forward them as I collect all states and all periods.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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